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For

DEVICE FOR AIDING THE PERCUTANEOUS POSITIONING OF A

GUIDING TUBE FOR A NEPHROSCOPE IN KIDNEY SURGERY

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

Applicant hereby claims the right of priority granted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 119 and 365 based upon French Application No. 0309481, filed August 1, 2003. The International Bureau already should have sent a certified copy of the French application to the United States designated office. If the certified copy has not arrived, please contact the undersigned.

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